

Ellenvale Junior High

School Advisory Council

November 14, 2023

Attendance - Scott Wadden, Denise Shellnut, Tyrone Ross, Kelly Ing, Cindy O'Handley, Therese MacKinnon-Boudreau, Charmaine Willis, Michelle Doolan Regrets from Karen Mills and Margie Pike

1. **Principal's Report** - presented and there were no concerns or questions

2. **Student Success Plan:**

Literacy continues to be about writing and engaging students to create a love of writing. Math continues to focus on level 4 type questions which supports building strong skills for the provincial assessments and for all students. Well-being is focused on keeping our hallways/ washrooms safe for students, as this was identified in the student survey that was completed last year.

- a) **Provincial Assessments Data** - our math has improved by 14% from the previous year with more students being successful with level 3 & 4 type questions.
- b) **Student Survey Data** - students identified that they were not feeling safe in the washrooms and hallways and because of this we made that the focus of our Student Well-Being goal for now.

3. **New Business:**

a) **SAC Allocated Money** - It was agreed that a good portion of the money will be used to buy new Chrome books as we continue to build up our supply where each student can have access to one.

b) **Student Fee Report** - We do not collect student fees

c) **Grade 9 Course Selection Process** - This starts in February where both feeder high schools, DHS and Woodlawn High, will meet with students and have parent sessions to present information to students and families. Everyone will be well informed of options and the process.

d) **Class Configuration, Schedule, and Lunch update** - Last week during grade level meetings it was reported that staff and students are very pleased with the grade 8 classes, which are much smaller than they were originally. Teachers see a huge positive impact as behaviours are more manageable and they are able to check in with each student more frequently. Once lunch hour is working smoothly. There is a designated space for grade 6 students but it's not being used, as the students want to socialize with the other grades. Majority of students who stay for lunch are grade 6 & 7 students.

e) Final Upgrades from Modular - The main building will be getting a new gymnasium floor, backboards, lifts and curtain. The plan is that this will happen over the Christmas break. There are still no lockers in the modular. They were promised for September but they still have not arrived, again the hope is we will have them for the New Year before the weather gets really cold. We are also in the process of getting a new awning over the modular entrance. It cannot extend to the main building for safety reasons, fire trucks need to be able to drive between the two buildings. New signage is also going up around the bus loop as we are starting to have vehicles drive in that area. Finally, the new basketball court out back is open and students are thrilled to have this space to play at lunch and recess.

f) Other - there were a few questions:

1) Are there going to be any sidewalks installed next to the bus loop? There is not enough space for sidewalks to be installed but they will be painting lines to create a walking space for students.

2) Is it possible to use some SAC money to hire a hall monitor? Mr. Wadden will speak to HRCE about this but he believes we do not have the funding/budget for something like this.

3) Woodlawn High is also having washroom and hallway issues so they put up a number of signs about washroom and hallway etiquette and sent this information home so parents/guardians are aware that students are feeling unsafe and they can speak to their children about expectations. There is a staff meeting on Nov 15 to discuss the concerns and Mr Wadden will reach out Woodlawn High's principal to find out about what they are doing and its effectiveness.